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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-346

Subject: REFRIGERATOR/DOMETIC

Dear MR. CONWAY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FOREST RIVER/ALL AMERICAN SPORT/2003
FOREST RIVER/ALL AMERICAN SPORT RV/2004-2006
FOREST RIVER/AUTO MASTER/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/AUTO PLUS/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/CARDINAL/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/CEDAR CREEK/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/ELIMINATOR/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/FLAGSTAFF/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/FORESTER/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/GEORGETOWN/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/GRAND SURVEYOR/2003-2006

Makes/Models/Model Years Continued:

FOREST RIVER/LEXINGTON/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/LEXINGTON GT/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/MB CRUISER/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/QUALIFIER/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/ROCKWOOD/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/SALEM/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/SANDPIPER/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/SIERRA/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/SUNSEEKER/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/SURVEYOR/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/TSUNAMI/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/WILDCAT/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/WILDWOOD/2003-2006
FOREST RIVER/WORK AND PLAY/2003-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-346

Mfg's Report Date: June 26, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: To be provided

Summary:

FOREST RIVER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MY 2003-2006 MOTOR HOMES, FIFTH WHEEL AND TRAVEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH A TWO-DOOR REFRIGERATOR MANUFACTURED BY THE DOMETIC CORPORATION. THE REFRIGERATOR MAY HAVE A DEFECT IN THE BOILER TUBE. PRESSURIZED COOLANT SOLUTION COULD BE RELEASED INTO AN AREA WHERE AN IGNITION SOURCE (GAS FLAME) IS PRESENT.

Consequence:

RELEASE OF COOLANT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS COULD IGNITE AND RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

FOREST RIVER WILL BE WORKING WITH DOMETIC IN ORDER TO REPAIR THESE REFRIGERATORS (PLEASE SEE 08E032). DOMETIC WILL REPAIR THESE REFRIGERATORS BY INSTALLING A SECONDARY BURN HOUSING, A THERMAL FUSE, AND A MELT FUSE FREE OF CHARGE. DOMETIC HAS RETAINED STERICYCLE INC. TO MANAGE THIS CAMPAIGN. STERICYCLE WILL ASSIST THE OWNER IN LOCATING DEALERSHIPS OR SERVICE CENTERS AND WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH SCHEDULING OF APPOINTMENTS. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DOMETIC/STERICYCLE AT 1-888-446-5157 OR FOREST RIVER AT 1-574-389-4600.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-010, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not quite meet the requirements of Part 577. The second paragraph should read:

“Forest River has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles it manufactured equipped with Dometic refrigerators. This decision was based on information provided by Dometic Corporation that a defect exists in some of the refrigerators that Dometic manufactured between July 2003 and September 2006 for installation in recreational vehicles. Forest River installed these refrigerators in motor homes, fifth wheel, and travel trailers that it manufactured from June 1, 2003 to September 30, 2006.”

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in your report, Dometic will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Dometic's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GP' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement